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In re Application of

Kang et al.

Application No. 10/814,935

Filed: March 30, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 030310

**DECISION GRANTING PETITION** 

UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed March 18, 2008, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/462,667, filed April 11, 2003.

# The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

- the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted; **(1)**
- the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application is submitted after expiration of the period specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).

The petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) in that (1) a reference to the above-noted, prior-filed provisional application has been included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title, as provided by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(iii); (2) the surcharge fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(t) has been submitted; and (3) the petition contains a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the above-noted, prior-filed provisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. Any other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2838 for appropriate action on the amendment submitted March 18, 2008, including consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of priority to prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/462,667.

Liana Walsh Petitions Examiner

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**ATTACHMENT:** Corrected Filing Receipt



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Date Mailed: 04/18/2008

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/814,935** 

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**Title** 

DYNAMIC VOLTAGE SCALING FOR PORTABLE DEVICES

**Preliminary Class** 

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